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In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, grace and peace to the people called Methodist in New England.

We speak with one heart and voice of our commitment to lead a church that does not discriminate in membership, ordination, or service in ministry based upon any person's gender or sexual identity. We stand with the NEAC Board of Ordained Ministry in its commitment and ministry.

We are heartbroken by, and repent of, the harm caused by the recent Special Session of General Conference and years of discrimination in the United Methodist Church to LGBTQIA friends, neighbors, and family members, as well as many of you.

In New England, we have long aspired to operate in a manner similar to the One Church Plan. Our reality is that most of our churches are diverse in many aspects, as are our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods. By God's grace, we live together, love one another and grow as disciples of Christ across our differences.

As we all await a clearer picture, we hold each and all of you in prayer asking that you do the same for us. We will share information as it becomes available.

In Christ's love,

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"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation."

II Cor. 5:17